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JULY 2025

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Americus, KS 66835

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Closed: Friday, July 4, 2025

**Happy
4th
of July**





Let's Celebrate

Happy BIRTHDAY

Happy Anniversary

July 1st: Jesse & Venessa Anderson

July 4th: William and Anna Crabtree

July 8th: Larry & Cindy Edmiston

July 18th: David & Vicki Jones

July 27th: Bob & Deb Ludlum

1st - Elaina Wells

2nd - Stacie Horton

3rd - Stantanna Stewart

Cody Swanson

Steve Wyatt

4th - Elizabeth Hudlin

Kelsi Gadino

Christine Hultgren

Samantha Redelfs

5th - Jerry Voorhees

6th - Tyler Hinrichs

Cooper Hamlin

Kevin Schlimme

Cindy Shirley

7th - Cole Gerleman

Braxtyn Pierce

8th - David Good

12th - Taylor Redelfs

Leonard Crane

15th - Jesse Dains

Talynn Dains

Andrea Anderson

Jodi McCullough

16th - Joni siess

17th - Jeff Centlivre

Joslin Cannon

20th - Connie Stewart

21st - Claire Hamlin Olsen

22nd - Steve Stewart

Jeff Shirley

23rd - Danielle McElfresh

24th - Arissa Kennedy

Kim Zeigler

25th - Dorothy Deweese

26th - Makenzie Riley

Dean Horton

26th - Mark Morgan

27th - Julisa Rose Mosby

31st - Kristeena Thompson



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2025

Events Calendar

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 	3	4  	5
6	7	8  City Council	9	10	11  FARMER'S MARKET	12
13	14	15	16 	17	18  FARMER'S MARKET	19 
20	21	22	23	24	25  FARMER'S MARKET	26
27	28	29	30	31	Upcoming Events:	

Lyon County Recycle Trailer

Located on south side of school gym

Recycle items only.

Please break down all boxes
and rinse all containers.



Americus Recycle Trailer

Located behind City Hall

Empty trash
containers/bags into bins,
do not dispose of plastic
bags in the recycle bins.

FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the June 10th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HARMON, NUESSEN, BURTON and HINRICHS. Council member HAMLIN was absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, and Maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Laverne Soetebier and Tim Burton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 21st, 2025 special meeting, May 13th, 2025 business meeting, May 28th special meeting
Moved by BURTON to approve the April 21st, 2025 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN 4-0 vote.
Moved by NUESSEN to approve the May 13th business meeting minutes with a spelling error correction. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 3-0-1 vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the May 28th special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHS 4-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the accounts payable for June 2025 in the amount of \$19,180.17. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS reported that they will be doing test runs on the splashpad soon and the grand opening is set for Saturday, June 14th from 9-1 with an ice cream truck as well as a hot dog cookout. They have been working on growing grass and will put stones in to create a path to deter walking on the hay and new grass. Project Playscape is participating in a community tour that will be doing events in Americus on the 14th, Allen and Admire in July and Reading in August. The events will feature kids' community activities sponsored by various non-profit groups.

MAINTENANCE: Nick Gadino that maintenance has been busy with mowing and weed eating. Chip seal rocks are expected soon. The north sewer lift station is having some ongoing issues and Nick has asked the company about extending the warranty.

CLERK: Lesley Harbaugh reported that the Americus Animal Clinic went well with 25 dogs registered, 35 animals vaccinated, and 2 kennel licenses issued.

POLICE:

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

1. **BFP REMODELING LLC:** Building Plans NUESSEN moves to table. Seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.
2. **TIM BURTON:** Sewer Issue Tim Burton let the council know that a recent sewer issue at 903 Main led to the discovery of a septic tank and that the house was not connected to the main sewer line. Burton was informed to have his tenant file a claim with the city for the funds paid for sewer service, but that the liability does not fall to the city. Tim left at 7:21 p.m.
3. **2026 BUDGET:** Review Laverne Soetebier presented the city with a draft of the 2026 Budget. HINIRHCS asked Laverne to add a laser leveling system for the ballfields. Laverne said she is working to keep us below the Revenue Neutral Rate and she will have the final ready in the next 7-10 days. Laverne left at 7:34 p.m.
4. **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** The council reviewed the proposed changes and updates. Tabled until next meeting.
5. **SWIMMING POOLS:** The council discussed changes they would like to see to the current ordinance regarding swimming pools in city limits. The consensus of the council is to amend the ordinance at the next meeting.
6. **MAIN STREET PARKING:** The council discussed issues that need to be addressed with parking on Main Street during events.
7. **HARRY AND LLOYD'S:** Liquor license renewal Mike Phillips has applied to renew his liquor license with the city. We have received a copy of his state license and have received no complaints. Moved by HINRICHS to approve Harry & Lloyd's liquor license renewal contingent upon receiving his state license and payment for the city license. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.
8. **2024 AUDIT:** Engagement letter from Cindy Jensen It is the consensus of the council to authorize the mayor to sign the engagement letter.
9. **ACCOUNTABILITY AND ETHICS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS:** NUESSEN addressed the council about council members and mayor leading a good example and following the rules of the city. She believes elected officials should follow the established rules to prevent situations where officers are required to get involved. HINRICHS presented information about conflict of interest and reminders of rules and guidelines sent from legal. Legal reminded the council members that due to conflict of interest, members should not be voting on any matters that they have a personal interest in. HINRICHS would like to see everyone being held accountable going forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters Moved by NUESSEN to go into executive session for non-elected personnel matters at 8:30 p.m. for 30 minutes with council, mayor and legal present. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote. Back in open session at 8:59 p.m. Mayor Wright has approved to hire Jacob Posey for the full-time maintenance position. Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0.

The following minutes are from the May 28th special business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HINRICHS, BURTON, HAMLIN and NUESSEN. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh and City Treasurer Dodie Doudna.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Sean Thurman

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

HARMON arrived at 6:04 p.m.

1. UNBOUND GRAVEL: Request for road closure and park use Moved by BURTON to approve the closure of Locust Street between Main Street and 5th Street from 5 a.m. on May 31st to 5 a.m. on June 1st and use of the community center and park for an aid station. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

Motioned to adjourn at 6:12 by HAMLIN. Motion seconded by NUESSEN.

AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, June 10th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 10th, 2025 business meeting

BILLS TO PAY:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
MAINTENANCE:
CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA
1.BFP REMODELING: Building plans
2. 2025 BUDGET: Draft of 2025 Budget
3. ORDINANCE NO. 626: Swimming pools
4. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:



Americus Police Department
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CODE ENFORCEMENT

311 Elm- Mow
306 Locust- Mow



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Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Where: Americus Methodist Church
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**JUNE 14TH: 9AM-1PM @AMERICUS PARK
SPLASHPAD GRAND OPENING & FIRST SUMMER
TOUR "UNDERWATER"**

**JULY 12TH: 9-11AM @FLINTHILLS EVENT SPACE-
ADMIRE "FAMILY FUN"**

JULY 21ST: 6-8PM @NLCYA-ALLEN "CAMP OUT"


**AUGUST 11TH: 6-8PM @ READING COMMUNITY
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- Learn how to join clubs and how to help organizations in the area
- Explore the hidden gems of each community
- Enjoy fun activities for all ages!

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- Pick up a Summer Tour Punch Card and get it stamped at each event. Attend at least 3 events and you'll be entered into our Grand Prize Drawing (prize to be announced soon)!
-  Plus, each event will feature its own prize drawing, so there are multiple chances to win along the way!

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 Come socialize, meet new families, and make unforgettable memories!

This is a fantastic way to connect, explore, and celebrate all that our community has to offer.

Stay tuned for continued announcements—we can't wait to see you there!

For more info:  Project Playscape or projectplayscape4community@gmail.com



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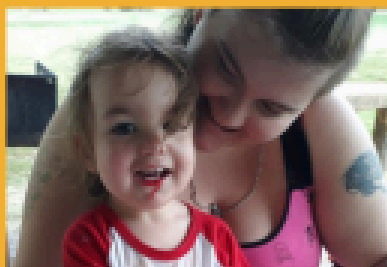
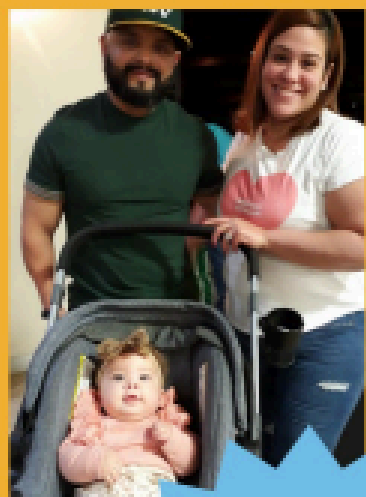
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6-7 pm

Saturday
July 19th
9:30-11 am

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- ✓ 3 Bedrooms
- ✓ 2 Bathrooms
- ✓ 2 Car Garage
- ✓ Open Concept
- ✓ Spacious Lots
- ✓ Rear Patio

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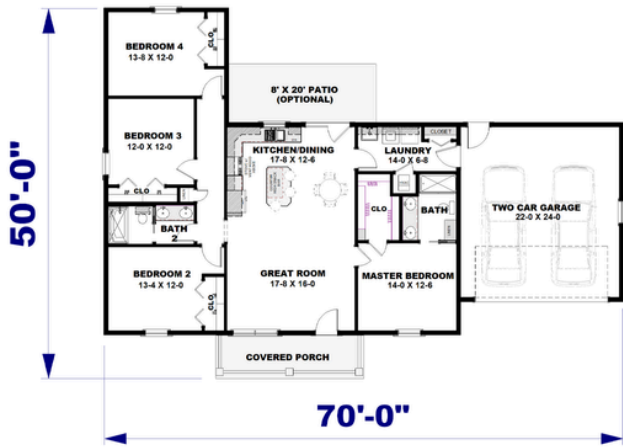
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FEATURES:

- ✓ 4 Bedrooms
- ✓ 2 Bathrooms
- ✓ 2 Car Garage
- ✓ Open Concept
- ✓ Spacious Lots
- ✓ Rear Patio





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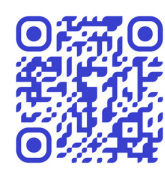


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